

COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

October 22, 2002

**Upon Conclusion of Special Joint
BMA/BOSC Meeting**

Chairman Herbert called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: School Cmte. Members Herbert, Paradis, Beaudry
Aldermen Pinard, Garrity, Thibault

Messrs.: Tim Clougherty, Scott Hughes, Fred Matuszewski

Chairman Herbert addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Brief slide presentation of school construction projects for FY02 by Tim Clougherty, Facilities Engineer.

Mr. Clougherty stated I wanted to update the committee by making a visual presentation to show you exactly what we've been doing construction wise mainly in the FY03 timeframe. Unfortunately, I wasn't anticipating the meetings being coupled together and I apologize for the length of this meeting or any presentation, but I try to go through this pretty quickly. Basically, you have a summary of each of the major construction projects we done. We started with the elementary schools at Hallsville and Wilson Street Schools, we did new roofing projects at both Hallsville and Wilson Street. Fred Matuszewski from CMK was the architect...as you can see some of the existing deteriorated conditions, rotted wood where we are replacing gutters...here we have an example of the new copper gutters that were installed as well as a copper lined vent shaft cupola. We've installed snow guards to prevent snow from toppling down from the barrel roof on Wilson Street into the playground and also on Wilson Street. Here we have an example of one of the chimneys that's under construction at Hallsville... and a rebuilt chimney and copper cap...another copper cap on to of the boiler room chimney and some of our architectural asphalt shingling that was done new. Perhaps the most impressive renovation was the transformation, the basement of the Hallsville Elementary School...we tried to retain many of the old features of the facility while creating functional co-compliant, learning conducive atmosphere and Scott Hughes with Oak Point Associates is here, he was the architect of record for that project. This is the old boy's room and this is the new boys room...you can

see the upgraded fixtures and everything else, to say the least...hand-washing sink in the newly renovated facility. This is part of an old hallway that transitions into the community center and the new hallway. The area that you see the natural light coming through the partitions in the background...that's actually where the urinals were in the boys room previously...that is now a conference room...as you can see there is a sitting area outside of the conference room and to the left where you see the other divided light there is an office area that was newly created. We have two kindergartens under construction...the Bakersville Elementary School and McDonough Elementary School. Again, Scott Hughes from Oak Point Associates is the architect for both of these projects...we started the Bakersville construction early this summer and are anticipating completion at this point by mid-November, right around Thanksgiving...this is a picture of the entrance that will be on-grade to the ground level of the existing elementary school on the west side of the school. We've also created a new entrance off of Cheney Place, an additional new entrance as well as expanded the parking...a picture of the walls going up and this is a picture of where we are currently in construction. As you can see...well, maybe you can't tell, but this is a two-classroom addition. A lot of the brick and mortar work was detailed to coincide with the existing building. McDonough School is not too far along right now...this is a picture of the existing site where the kindergarten will be erected and this is a picture of where we are currently at. We've got footings and foundation walls in...we're waiting for a mason to start...as you can see we've wiped out the existing aluminum store front entrance. I just want to touch base a little bit on the Henry J. McLaughlin addition project because I am going to be looking for a closeout on that project this evening...this is a picture of the area where the addition was built, another picture...this is exactly where the addition was constructed, the fire hydrant was relocated...here's a picture of the new addition, it's hard to tell the old from the new at this point because the construction was so congruent to the existing. This is the existing area prior to construction of a parking lot on the north side of the facility...this is the new parking lot...this is a picture of the connector between the existing building on the right hand side and the new addition on the left...what you see in the middle is a connecting corridor between the two and this is a picture of the courtyard that was created between the existing and the new addition. Again, Scott Hughes from Oak Point Associates was the architect on that one. The Middle School at Southside received some basement renovations that resulted in three new classrooms and two new offices...this is a picture of the hallway connecting the three classrooms and a couple of quick shots of the new classrooms. Memorial High Media Center...currently under construction. Fred Matuszewski from CMK Architect on that one...it's being built into the existing courtyard adjacent to the existing library...the existing Media Center will be nearly quadrupled in size. It's extremely difficult as I've mentioned earlier moving around and getting equipment in and out of the project site because it is

surrounded by an occupied school, it's built in the courtyard as I had mentioned. Here's a picture of the demolition phase...the area on the corner on the left side here...this was the outside wall of the existing library...the wall here was the aluminum storefront section that opened up to the cafeteria...it's now currently blocked up and construction is taking place...this is where we're currently at with construction...we're finalizing steel erection and beginning construction of the exterior walls. Other major projects that weren't included this brief video presentation included the Practical Arts Building...we did a complete roof replacement at that building, we also replaced the entire flooring systems at Parker-Varney and Highland Goffs Falls Schools and we replaced the electrical system in its entirety at Bakersville from the transformers right into the outlets...that concludes this presentation.

Chairman Herbert stated we just thought it was a good idea to run through all of the stuff that's been done just recently actually...we could have done this every year...people would...you had some great shots of HVAC units up on top of Central in some years.

Mr. Clougherty stated I can appreciate those but I don't think that everybody can.

Chairman Herbert stated I hope Real took note of the Hallsville work.

School Committee Member Paradis stated Mr. Davenport took me all through Hallsville, it's gorgeous...unbelievable compared to what it was before...I've been up to the Media Center three or four different times and actually the only one I haven't seen or gone through is Southside even though I have been to Jewett for some problems this year that were minor problems and some other things, but everything is coming along well. So, thanks to you and your department and everyone that works with you and the Clerk-of-the-Works and Fred...things are coming along very nicely in my district anyway...I have seven schools down there that are located in Ward 8.

Mr. Clougherty stated let me take a minute to introduce Fred Matuszewski, CMA Architects...Wilson, Hallsville Schools as well as the Memorial High School Media Center...this is Scott Hughes with Oak Point Associates...we've done a lot of work with Oak Point over the past couple of years...

School Committee Member Paradis interjected we did see him way back in the beginning phase with the designing of the building, I believe, good job...they seem to just be coming along so nicely and the principals and kids look like they're going to appreciate it immensely.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated I just want to echo some of Committee Woman Paradis' comments that I think the projects that I've gone through have been extremely well...the Bakersville project is looking real good, I like the way the bricks actually do match some of the old exterior of the school, it almost looks like it almost part of the old addition. One question I would have that Alderman Smith had brought to my attention at McDonough...there were some concerns there, but I guess the Clerk-of-the-Works did a good job on picking up on some of the brick work and stuff...were there some problems with the bricks or something?

Mr. Clougherty replied there have been several issues that have come up over the past two months or so with that project...the contractor that we're working with is the same one that did the McLaughlin addition, it's a reputable firm unfortunately we have had some stumbles early on in the progress of the job but we stayed in attuned to them on a daily basis and we're on top of each of the issues. I think the specific issue that you were talking about had deals with their request to substitute a lightweight concrete block for a normal weight block and the issue was quickly suppressed and there's no ramifications to us whatsoever.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated that's the same contractor that's doing Bakersville, correct.

Mr. Clougherty replied no, it's a different contractor.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated I thought Bakersville and McDonough were the same people.

Mr. Clougherty stated same architect different contractors.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated so there is no concerns at Bakersville that you're aware of.

Mr. Clougherty replied I have concerns with every one of these but we don't need to talk about...they're pretty minor, there are no major concerns at Bakersville.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated the only other comment I would make is that at Southside the addition was nice but I don't know if you're aware of...maybe you are aware, but they rectified the problem that when they built the addition, I guess there were bathrooms above and some of the holes were not caulked or something and it ruined some of the ceiling tiles from water dripping down from the bathrooms up above. I think they've taken care of the problem, but I just wanted to enlighten you on that and hopefully if they haven't, they will.

Mr. Clougherty stated I wasn't aware of water leaking down from the bathrooms above, there were a couple of leaking problems that we had during construction that were followed up on shortly thereafter. To the best of my knowledge they have been addressed at this point.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated I know they did do some caulking in the bathrooms, I think the problem has been eliminated, but I went through Barbara on that and I think she sent somebody out there to get it repaired, but other than that everything seems to be going well on the lockers which are upstairs which are great and worked out well.

Chairman Herbert addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. NORESCO Performance Contract –
 - a) Project Financial Report (attached).

Mr. Clougherty stated it is my understanding that a revised agreement has been submitted to our department and it is currently under review by the DPW (Department of Public Works) administration.

Alderman Pinard asked is this the same NORESCO deal of five years ago?

Mr. Clougherty replied I don't think its five years ago, but it's a long time, it's the Operation and Maintenance Agreement.

Alderman Pinard stated there has to be an end to this.

School Committee Member Paradis stated is phased.

Mr. Clougherty stated it's an agreement as to the terms and conditions as they apply to the Annual Maintenance Agreement.

On motion of School Committee Member Paradis, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to accept the NORESCO Performance Contract report.

Chairman Herbert addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Roofing Projects – Manchester Schools –
 - a) Project Financial Report (attached); and
 - b) Consultant's Status Reports (attached).

Mr. Clougherty stated I will start with the Central High School Practical Arts Building roof...the project is substantially complete...we've also included as part of this project a complete reroof of the area that is cantilevered at the James Building above the library and we're also going to be replacing the greenhouse in its entirety. We're currently having some supplier issues with the greenhouse but we hope to have those resolved in the next three weeks and have that erected and the project 100% complete.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by School Committee Member Beaudry, it was voted to accept reports regarding the Central High School roofing project.

Mr. Clougherty in reference to the reroofing and masonry restoration projects at Wilson and Hallsville Schools stated the project is complete as well as the punch list and are currently in the process of generating the closeout documents and awaiting receipt of those. I don't know if Mr. Matuszewski has anything further to say...we're done and would ask the committee to vote on acceptance of the project.

School Committee Member Paradis moved to accept project completion and closeout of item 5 (b). Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, there being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Herbert addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. McLaughlin Middle School Addition –
 - a) Project Financial Report (attached); and
 - b) Architect's Status Report (attached).

Mr. Clougherty stated the punch list is complete and has been signed off and are currently reviewing closeout documentation and I would recommend that the committee vote at this time to accept the project.

Alderman Thibault moved to accept project completion and closeout of item 6. School Committee Member Beaudry duly seconded the motion.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated, Tim, I think you may have answered this in the past but I want to get it clear in my mind. If we accept a project that is complete are we holding anything back for warranty work say if tiles start popping up or whatever that we can go back to the subcontractor or the contractor to get that repaired or do we pay them off once this agreement is accepted tonight.

Mr. Clougherty replied we pay them off 100%.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated so there is no contingency fund...what do we do for warranty work, how does that work out if a year from now the roof starts leaking or the floor tiles start popping off, how do we get restitution?

Mr. Clougherty replied the warranty is based on the substantial completion date which occurred sometime in April for this addition, I think it was April 15th. Once we release final payment we really don't have any financial assurance that the company is going to come back to address it, however, the companies that we deal with are reputable companies, they were pre-qualified for the project and because they've performed well on past projects either with the City or with other locations and based on that we expect that they will be addressing our warranty issues. Unfortunately, we don't have any financial assurance of that but contractually we're not able to withhold anything.

Chairman Herbert stated we have a little leverage after-the-fact.

School Committee Member Paradis stated someone files these warranties though, Tim, of these roofings and...

Mr. Clougherty stated that is correct. Those are the closeout documentation's we're talking about...Fred and Scott were just talking about the fact that we do have a warranty and there is a bond that satisfies that warranty for that one-year period.

School Committee Member Paradis stated Alderman Thibault had brought that up several times in the past and, for instance, if we purchased a house and had a 10-year warranty or a 5-year warranty or whatever if something happens.

Chairman Herbert called for a vote on the motion to accept the project completion and closeout relative to item 6 (b), there being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mr. Clougherty stated just to make sure that we're clear on what we're doing...I'm not going to be reporting on these projects any further. What I will do is once we receive the closeout documentation I'll be submitting that for informational purpose as part of the agenda with the requisite signatures associated.

Chairman Herbert addressed item 7 of the agenda:

7. Central High H&V Phase 6 and Window Replacement –
 - a) Project Financial Report (attached); and
 - b) Engineer's Status Report (attached).

Mr. Clougherty stated the status on this project is the same as the last two...we've finally gotten the contractor to undertake the last two outstanding punch list items...the project is now considered complete and we're moving forward with collecting the closeout documentation and we'd ask the committee, at this point, to formally accept completion of the project and closeout.

Alderman Thibault asked, Tim, why are you encumbering \$3,210.

Mr. Clougherty replied I believe it just wasn't encumbered prior to this month's report.

Alderman Thibault asked it has been paid now.

Mr. Clougherty replied that is correct.

School Committee Member Beaudry in reference to the Classical Building asked were any windows done at that building because I was there probably there three or four weeks ago and on the fourth floor the windows were closed, but the wind was blowing...it sounded like the windows were open and the teacher's complained that it was so loud that it actually interrupts their classes and I don't know if those are new windows or is that is going to be done in the Design/Build or what, but I thought the windows were actually open...I said you must have an open window and they weren't, they were closed.

Mr. Clougherty replied the operable panes, the operable lights of those windows in the entire Classical Arts building are going to be replaced as part of the Design/Build project.

Alderman Thibault moved to accept completion of project and closeout of item 7. School Committee Member Beaudry duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Herbert addressed item 8 of the agenda:

8. Bakersville Kindergarten Addition & Electrical Improvements –
 - a) Project Financial Report (attached); and
 - b) Architect's Status Report (attached).

School Committee Member Paradis moved to accept item 8(a). Alderman Thibault, duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mr. Clougherty stated the electrical work inside of the building is nearing 100% completion. There were a couple of items that came up toward the end of the summer that we're addressing on nights, weekends and days off relative to some panel feeders but we're addressing it in its entirety. The kindergarten addition itself is probably about 65%, the building is erected, the roof is on, all the walls are up, right now we're looking at installing windows and doors and putting finishes on the floors and getting the heating system fired up in anticipation of paint and installation of plumbing fixtures and what have you.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated as far as the electrical work that was done inside of Bakersville...I did a walk through about a week or so ago and the enunciator panel was going off and apparently the Fire Department went down to reset the system and the system wasn't operable...I don't know what happened down there, the electrical people did something to the fire alarm system or it just happened to be a coincidence that it was out-of-service, but do you know if that is back in service and what actually happened to put it out-of-service?

Mr. Clougherty asked was that last week?

School Committee Member Beaudry replied it's probably been a couple of weeks now.

Mr. Clougherty stated it's my understanding that the panel had a bad power supply module and Building Maintenance addressed the issue, I worked with Dave Albin to ensure that proper protection was encumbered at the building and to the best of my knowledge there are no problems there now.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated because I know they even tried to even pull a pull station and the alarms wouldn't activate, so there was something dead with the whole system. I know they were working on it, I'm just checking to make sure that you're aware of it and that hopefully if it is done, that's fine, but...

Mr. Clougherty reiterated to the best of my knowledge Building Maintenance was made aware of it and they've addressed the situation. When the enunciator was going off did someone call it into them?

School Committee Member Beaudry replied actually I walked by and said your enunciator's going off and the principal wasn't aware of it, but I told him you should call the Fire Department and they can come down and either reset the system or find out why the trouble light was on and they actually had an alarm activation on the floors showing and I told them to have them come down to at least silence the trouble alarm which is why the department went down to silence the trouble alarm and they found out that the system actually wasn't working.

Chairman Herbert asked can you check on this first and follow-up and get back to Arthur with an answer.

Mr. Clougherty stated I was just consulting with Scott who has informed me that that has been corrected or was corrected the next day.

Mr. Hughes stated the problem was identified on a Monday and the next day another panel was there and installed, so there were no other issues with it. The only down time was a matter of a few hours during school hours, the Fire Department was aware of the situation as was School Administration where they covered that time frame until the other panel was installed.

School Committee Member Beaudry asked is there going to be anything else in place so this does not happen in the future?

Mr. Clougherty replied it's an enunciator...if it goes off, we need a call. Whether the building is under construction or not I think Administration has to encourage principals to call Building Maintenance Division to report a problem with the fire alarm system. Again, whether it's in construction or not. It's going to happen significantly more often when it's under construction as you're probably aware, Arthur, that dust and other types of heat will set off heat and smoke detectors and that's part of the ramifications of doing construction at an existing building, but we want to stay attentive to it, we want to make sure we address those problems, blow out the smoke detectors when they have been contaminated with dust and

address any trouble issues with fire alarm panels. So, again, we need to know when those panels go off.

School Committee Member Paradis stated just a question regarding Bakersville... is the completion date still November 15th or is it a little bit extended?

Mr. Clougherty replied we're looking at November 15th, the contractor has actually submitted a schedule that puts him into the week of Thanksgiving which is the 21st. Mr. Egan has been present at the majority of our job meetings, he's aware of the schedule and he has no concerns whatsoever.

Alderman Pinard moved to accept item 8(b). Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Herbert addressed item 9 of the agenda:

9. Southside Middle Classroom Addition & Hallsville Bathroom Renovations
- a) Project Financial Report (attached); and
 - b) Architect's Status Reports (attached).

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by School Committee Member Paradis, it was voted to accept item 9(a).

Mr. Clougherty stated once again the punch list for both schools were generated and have been completed. We're in receipt of closeout documentation and are currently reviewing it and would ask the committee at this time to accept the project and close it out in its entirety. For the record, this is for the Hallsville Elementary Bathroom Renovations as well as the Southside Middle School Classroom Renovation.

School Committee Member Beaudry moved to accept project completion and closeout as outlined relative to item (b). Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

School Committee Member Paradis asked were the lockers finally delivered.

Mr. Clougherty replied yes they were. They were installed on the first floor.

School Committee Member Beaudry asked I didn't actually see them but the lockers on the first floor...did they take the platform out of the second floor or did they leave it there?

Mr. Clougherty replied they took it out of the basement.

Chairman Herbert addressed item 10 of the agenda:

10. Highland Goffs Falls & Parker-Varney Flooring Replacement –
 - a) Project Financial Report (attached).

School Committee Member Beaudry asked are we closing out these projects?

Mr. Clougherty stated actually I neglected to include a status report with this project noting the status report would have said it's complete.

Alderman Thibault moved to accept the project financial report relative to item 10. School Committee Member Beaudry duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated I would oppose closing it out, Mr. Chairman, for the reasons that I walked through that building about two or three weeks ago, it might even be about a month ago and there are a lot of tiles on the floor that are cracking and need to be replaced...I know I've talked to Mr. Clougherty about that and they were supposed to mark the tiles...now whether they went in and actually replaced them at this point and not I would not support closing this out until there's a final inspection of this by the principal and Mr. Clougherty and whoever else is involved to make sure that the tiles meet their satisfaction.

Mr. Clougherty stated with all due respect that is the first time I've ever heard of that.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated at Highland Goffs Falls, the new tiles...I may not have talked to you personally, but I know that I've been in contact with Barbara on the tiles and apparently somebody was supposed to go in and put tape on all of the tiles that have been cracked or broken.

Mr. Clougherty stated if that be the case, I don't recommend closing out the project, I agree in total and want to follow up on that, but that's the first time I've heard about it either from you or from anybody else for that matter.

School Committee Member Beaudry reiterated I did a walk through and it's very obvious that in some of the doorways where they've left rocks or something underneath the tile, the tile has splintered and little holes are popping through and there's probably about a dozen tiles that need to be replaced and it was my understanding that somebody was supposed to go through that building and tape all of the tiles that are going to be replaced and the contractor was supposed to go in and replace them.

We won't table this, we will just come back with this next month with the answers we require.

Alderman DeVries interjected if I could address some other concerns relative to Highland Goffs Falls. I did a walk through as well with Kevin O'Neil, Risk Management, so you may have heard from him. There were concerns at that point with some of the electrical outlets in the floors that had been left with wires exposed, they were left where...they weren't level so they might be stumbled over...I think somebody needs to do a walk through specifically looking at those outlets because there were numerous safety issues in his opinion and mine.

Mr. Clougherty stated again I was unaware of such electrical issues.

Alderman DeVries stated I had assumed you would get a follow-up from him and I apology.

Mr. Clougherty stated that's no problem. We'll certainly address those issues.

Alderman DeVries stated some of the tiles were also cracked around the outlets. The covers were missing as well and he had concerns for the janitor where now that it's a hard floor they were doing a wet cleaning process with exposed electrical because he did test a few and they were live. So, I don't know if there's a concern to replace and get some sort of a rubber cover so that they're waterproof.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated there used to be a brass cover and my understanding going through and I'm glad you brought that up, Alderman DeVries, because that was a concern. The covers don't fit anymore over the holes apparently because of where the carpets were fabricated...I don't know if it's spacing or what but there's definitely outlets that are uncovered there and I was concerned about that also because the janitors do damp mop now and there's

exposed electrical outlets on the floors that haven't been covered. Apparently, I don't know if that was the floor guys job or there was supposed to be somebody coming in after him to put the covers on, I don't know the whole situation, but it wasn't done.

Mr. Clougherty stated without seeing them I can't remember exactly the depth that they are above the finished floor or above the unfinished floor so it's hard for me to speculate as to what kind of solution we'd be looking at, but I assure you we address it.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated the plug is actually below the finished floor, the finished floor is higher than the plugs by maybe 1/8" to 1/4" lower than the floor.

Mr. Clougherty stated we'll look at it and address it in a safe manner.

School Committee Member Paradis stated that was brought up at the Safety Review with Kevin and was actually brought up at Buildings & Sites with the tiles breaking. Some of the outlets, I believe, not outlets but some of the cables and the wiring was covered with duct tape which had been brought up in the past.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated can I bring just one more concern up as I want to make sure Tim is aware of some of these things...the roof venting system...apparently, there were some leaks from the duct work up there and apparently has been taken care of, are you aware of that situation up on the second floor.

Mr. Clougherty replied the duct work was totally replaced on the roof.

School Committee Member Beaudry asked was it the roofing that was bad or the duct...there was some leakage up around the duct work, did they take care of that when they replaced the duct work.

Mr. Clougherty replied they replaced the duct work in its entirety and I think it had to do with some of the seams on the duct work itself, but that was taken care of.

Chairman Herbert addressed item 11 of the agenda:

11. Memorial High School Media Center –
- a) Project Financial Report (attached); and
 - b) Architect's Status Report (attached).

Alderman Pinard moved to accept item 11(a). Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

School Committee Member Paradis in reference to contingency...Clerk-of-the-Works for \$30,000 asked is that going to be Mr. Webber?

Mr. Clougherty replied yes it is.

School Committee Member Paradis stated I understand he did an excellent job on McLaughlin and that he's helping out with some of the other schools. I remember \$55,000 was in my mind for McLaughlin but I noticed he was only paid about \$46,000 and did you say he just chose to take that amount instead of the \$55,000.

Mr. Clougherty stated we don't pay him a lump sum amount, we pay him on an hourly basis in the budget for the individual projects.

School Committee Member Paradis stated so we finished sooner costing us less money.

Chairman Herbert asked are we supposed to be closing out also.

Mr. Clougherty replied not just yet.

Mr. Matuszewski stated the project is going well, well underway...the structure is up as Tim had pointed out earlier, the exterior wall is being framed up. The Librarian as of the end of September is back in the existing media center... somewhat reduced in size because of the temporary wall provided with temporary

heat. All the new lighting is in place and the ancillary spaces, the work spaces in behind the charge desk or circulation desk are in a somewhat finished space. She is still dealing with existing carpeting which will be traded out during the second phase of construction when the media center will be shut down for the month of January from December 23rd to the end of January when we see the end of the project.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated I would just like to say that I was very impressed with how they compartmentized that whole project and kept the school occupied and the cafeteria is almost...there was no hindrance to the cafeteria basically, it worked out very well and did a nice job.

Mr. Matuszewski stated logistically it was an impressive project right down to the huge crane that was in place to pick the steel.

School Committee Member Paradis stated I would also like to say to Fred and Tim and Scott that the kids and librarians and everyone who's involved are going to think they died and went to heaven when that's finished because we've only been about to accommodate about 55 or 60 students in there and now they'll be able to accommodate over 200 so that's going to be excellent, it's coming along really nicely.

School Committee Member Paradis moved to accept item 11 (b). Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Herbert addressed item 12 of the agenda:

12. McDonough Kindergarten Addition –
- a) Project Financial Report (attached); and
 - b) Architect's Status Report (attached).

Alderman Thibault moved to accept item 12 (a). School Committee Member Beaudry duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mr. Clougherty stated construction is moving along although at this point rather slowly. I'm not sure who mentioned the problems we had whether it was School Committee Member Beaudry or Alderman Garrity, I apologize. There have been a few problems, a few bumps in the road that we're working out with the contractor

but we do anticipate still that that construction will be completed for the February completion date that we have specified. Right now, we're at a point where we having footings and foundation walls erected and the set is being prepared and we're anticipating the masonry to start this week.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated as you know the playground has actually been taken away from McDonough and I don't know if this is the proper place to ask the question but has there been any alternative means for the kids to play, I know we talked about maybe closing off the street or paving a piece of city property across the street where the fire station used to be, has anything taken place to address those concerns.

Mr. Clougherty stated there was an article in the paper a couple of weeks ago about the playground. The playground has not been totally been taken away. The playground does exist, there is a construction staging area that's surrounds the area where the kindergarten is being erected, so there is still a kindergarten on the site that's fenced with the equipment although it is substantially reduced from what was there earlier. With regard to alternatives to that I've spoken with both the principal, the Parks and Recreation Department as well as School Administration as to what we'd be looking at for viable alternatives. Ultimately, I think it's the desire of the School District/School Administration Committee and I don't want to speak for anyone there but I think it's their desire to have a playground constructed across Lowell Street on the southerly side. Whether that becomes a reality I don't really know, I've asked Mr. Chapman to work directly with the Parks and Recreation Department in order to accomplish that and I just received in the mail today a request from Mr. Chapman to Mr. Bernier in the Clerk's Office to explore the alternative of closing down a portion of Lowell Street during school hours for that specific use until such time that a playground can be constructed, so it's kind of moved away from my scope if you will and my duties.

Chairman Herbert asked if they close the street what happens?

School Committee Member Beaudry stated it would be just during school hours, correct.

Mr. Clougherty replied I think that's the way I read the memo, I don't have it with me. I think the major concern at this point is when the snow is on the ground and you can't plow the grass.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated they would actually play in the street and that would become their playground and after school is out they would reopen the street.

School Committee Member Paradis asked wasn't there concern with fencing there too or fencing in an area.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated there was talk about taking the teacher's parking lot and doing that but there was no parking for the teacher's cars.

Mr. Clougherty stated I wasn't involved with that discussion.

Chairman Herbert stated if they closed the street then there's something about fencing or keeping the kids from totally taking off...

Clerk Johnson stated that is generally done through Highway and they usually apply barricades.

School Committee Member Paradis moved to accept item 12 (a). Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Garrity stated Alderman Lopez just had to leave and he asked me to ask this question of Tim and maybe a follow-up in writing...maybe if all the handicapped spots at all of the schools are properly marked and probably a correspondence from you to him with a follow-up.

Mr. Clougherty replied I think that question is probably better directed to Parks and Recreation Department or the Traffic Department.

There being no further business to come before the committee, on motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by School Committee Member Paradis, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee